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1. The main office of the Central Construction Office of the Metallurgical Industry (Zentrales Konstruktionsbuero)(ZKB), was first established in October 1949, and is located in East Berlin, Mauerstrasse 83-84. This office has been functioning since 1 January 1951 as an independent people's-owned plant (VEB), employs slightly over 200 technical personnel, and has branch offices in East Berlin, on Rosenthalerstrasse 38, and in Leipzig. The ZKB also has representatives located at Lixhuette - Unterwellenborn, Eisenhuettenkombinat-West, Calbe/Saale, Eisenhuettenkombinat-Ost at Fuerstenberg/Oder, and at the Stahlwerk Brandenburg.
2. The ZKB's function is the planning, designing, and supervising of the construction and equipment of all metallurgical plants and installations in the East Zone of Germany. This includes rolling mills and ore-processing plants. The supervision of actual building projects in connection with the metallurgical industry is not the responsibility of the ZKB, but of the VEB Industrie-Entwurf (industrial projects). However, the two offices work in close cooperation. In its capacity as designer and equipper of iron and steel plants in the Soviet Zone, the ZKB is under the direction of the Ministry for Heavy Industry.
3. The director of the ZKB is Reinhold Schroeder. Paul Clemens is technical director, and (fnu) Scheffler commercial director. Probably the most important section in the ZKB, the planning section, is headed by Rudolf Stoof. The main project of the planning section at present is the Eisenhuettenkombinat-Ost, Fuerstenberg/Oder. The VEB Industrie-Entwurf maintains a liaison office on the ZKB's premises in the Mauerstrasse where all plans for the Eisenhuettenkombinat-Ost are coordinated.
4. Other sections at the Mauerstrasse office are the furnace construction section, headed by Helmut Grosch; the smelting equipment section, under (fnu) Parchow; mining section, (fnu) Danke; conveying equipment section, (fnu) Schmieder; electrical section, (fnu) Reissner; work preparation section, (fnu) Brachwitz; research and development, (fnu) Kransenberg; standards, Peter Icking; blueprints, Frau Gerda Vornier; archives, (fnu) Baumgart; production (Fertigung), Arndt Cobi; personnel, (fnu) Liebreich; accounting, (fnu) Hellwig.
5. The branch office located at Rosenthalerstrasse 38 is headed by (fnu) Mueller. Sections located at this office are machine construction, headed by (fnu) Liebs; and rolling mills, headed by Herbert Schmidt. About 50 employees are located at this office. Dr. (fnu) Buke is head of the Leipzig office. Head representative of the ZKB at the Calbe/Saale project is (fnu) Klingenberg; at the Eisenhuetten-

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kombinat-Ost, (fnu) Weber; and at Brandenburg, (fnu) Schoenherr.

Comment: A big expansion program for the ZKB (Central Construction Bureau) is now under consideration. Under this expansion plan, the number of technical employees at the ZKB would be raised from 200 to about 1,000.

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